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SUBJECT: ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED LANDING IN N.A. BY U.S.
MILITARY AIRCRAFT

1. CONSULATE GENERAL HAS JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
GOVERNOR LEITO DATED MARCH 1 REQUESTING EXPLANATION OF
CIRCUMSTANCES OF LANDING IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES OF
WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WITHOUT
PRIOR REQUEST FOR PERMISSION AND THEREFORE WITHOUT HIS
APPROVAL. TEXT OF GOVERNOR LEITO'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

SIR, I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU HEREWITH THAT A UNITED
STATES MILITARY AIRCRAFT (BOEING 707), REGISTRATION NUMBER
NC 7956, REPORTEDLY LANDED ON PRINSES BEATRIX AIRPORT,
ARUBA, IN THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 1978, AND
DEPARTED AGAIN THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT APPROXIMATELY 4.00
A.M.

THIS LANDING WAS UNAUTHORIZED INASMUCH AS I HAD NOT RECEIVED
ANY REQUEST PERTAINING TO IT AND HAD NOT, THEREFORE, GIVEN
MY PERMISSION.

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I SHOULD MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY
NO ADVANCE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR THIS LANDING HAS AS
USUAL BEEN SENT TO ME.

PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERA-
TION. DR. B.M. LEITO, GOVERNOR OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

END TEXT.

2. CONSULATE GENERAL HAS HAD NO OTHER CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THE FLIGHT OR AIRCRAFT MENTIONED IN GOVERNOR LEITO'S LETTER.

3. FAA SAN JUAN INFORMS US THAT AIRCRAFT CONCERNED IS NOT U.S. REGISTERED, CIVILIAN OR MILITARY; THAT U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION NUMBERS DO NOT HAVE LETTER PREFIXES; THAT "NC" LETTER PREFIX IS NO LONGER USED ON U.S. CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, EXCEPT THAT ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT (WITH WHICH A FOUR-ENGINE JET COULD NOT BE CONFUSED) WHICH HAD REGISTRATION NUMBERS WITH "NC" PREFIX MAY RETAIN THEM; THAT NO KNOWN FOREIGN CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION NUMBER USE "NC" LETTER PREFIX; AND THAT ONLY POSSIBILITY (WHICH FAA SAN JUAN COULD NOT AUTHENTICATE) IS THAT "NC 7956" MIGHT BE NUMBER USED ON FOREIGN MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

4. FOREGOING PASSED TO GOVERNOR LEITO BY LETTER DATED MARCH 7.

5. GIVEN SIZE AND RANGE OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT, ONE CAN IMAGINE POSSIBLE INTEREST IN IT BY DOD, FAA, FBI, INS, DEA, AND CUSTOMS AT LEAST. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS ELSEWHERE AS WELL.

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